

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

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Serial No.: 10/801,962

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For: **AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AN
ITERATIVE CRYPTOGRAPHIC BLOCK**

Examiner: Baum, Ronald

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed July 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully make the following election based on the following groupings of the claims.

Group I, Claims 1-16, are drawn to a method comprising receiving a decoded scrambling key... first cryptographic protocol... reducing the key size... descrambling received scrambled content. Group II, Claims 17-40, are drawn to an integrated circuit. Group III, Claims 41-50 are drawn to a set-top box.

Applicant elects Group I, including Claims 1-16. Claims 17-40 and 41-50 namely the claims of Groups II and III are withdrawn from consideration.